

## House Resolution 2297

By: Representatives Wix of the 33<sup>rd</sup>, Teilhet of the 40<sup>th</sup>, and Johnson of the 37<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Rajaan Jhakari Bennett; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most promising young citizens  
3 with the tragic and untimely passing of Rajaan Jhakari Bennett on February 18, 2010; and

4 WHEREAS, Rajaan convinced his peers and community that there was no limit to one's  
5 strength and anything can be achieved with faith, determination, hard work, and  
6 perseverance; and

7 WHEREAS, a senior at McEachern High School in Cobb County, Georgia, Rajaan was a star  
8 football player and was named the Class AAAAA Offensive Player of the Year for Georgia  
9 by the Associated Press in December, 2009; and

10 WHEREAS, Rajaan had signed a letter of intent to play football at Vanderbilt University just  
11 weeks before his life was tragically taken by the hands of another; and

12 WHEREAS, a standout running back, Rajaan had recently been selected for the Atlanta  
13 Touchdown Club's All State team; and

14 WHEREAS, he was the strong and supportive son of Narjaketha Bennett, who said that  
15 Rajaan quickly grew to become the man of the house after his father passed away in a car  
16 accident; and

17 WHEREAS, one of this state's finest athletes with the potential to achieve great things,  
18 Rajaan's passing has left his family, friends, school, community, and this state saddened and  
19 stunned; and

20 WHEREAS, Rajaan was a compassionate and caring older brother to his two younger  
21 siblings; and

22 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to his friends and peers through his dynamic yet humble  
23 personality and his deep devotion to his family; and

24 WHEREAS, by the example Rajaan made of his life, he made this world a better place in  
25 which to live, and though his life was cut tragically short, Rajaan's memory and example will  
26 live on through the many lives he touched; and

27 WHEREAS, Rajaan will long be remembered for his love of football, family, and friendship,  
28 and this loyal son, brother, teammate, and friend will be missed by all who had the great  
29 fortune of knowing him.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
31 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Rajaan Jhakari Bennett and  
32 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his untimely passing.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
34 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Rajaan Jhakari  
35 Bennett.